Introduced by Senator Galgiani

January 6, 2014

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 74—Relative to the Officer Kevin Tonn Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 74, as introduced, Galgiani. Officer Kevin Tonn Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate the portion of State Highway Route 99 in the City of Galt as the Officer Kevin Tonn Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Kevin Tonn became interested in law enforcement
- 2 prior to entering high school, as his father attended the Sacramento
- 3 County Sheriff's Academy and his uncle was a special agent with
- 4 the Department of Justice; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Kevin Tonn, in high school, joined the Roseville
- 6 Police Explorers and started down the path of helping and serving
- 7 others; and
- 8 WHEREAS, At 19 years of age, Kevin Tonn enlisted in the
- 9 United States Army and became a military policeman and,
- 10 following his military service, he became a firefighter in the State
- 11 of New York for eight years, rising to the rank of assistant chief;
- 12 and

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WHEREAS, Kevin Tonn later returned to California and, after working as a fire prevention officer for the City of Sacramento and later owning and operating a letter and parcel shipping business, he attended the Sacramento County Sheriff's Academy and eventually became a police officer in the City of Galt in September 2009; and

WHEREAS, Officer Tonn was later promoted to the K-9 unit of the Galt Police Department, serving along with his dog, Yaro; and

WHEREAS, On January 15, 2013, after three and one-half years of service, Officer Tonn, while responding to an in-progress residential burglary, was shot by an individual he had sought to question, and later succumbed to his injuries at Kaiser Hospital; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to recognize Officer Tonn's service to the community, resulting in the sacrifice of his life, by designating a portion of State Highway 99 in his honor and memory; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That, the Legislature hereby designates the portion of State Highway Route 99 in the City of Galt as the Officer Kevin Tonn Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.